1. Cabinet considered a submission regarding the release of the Combined Fisheries Management Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and draft Public Benefit Test (DPBT) containing a number of proposed amendments to subordinate legislation governing the management of Queensland’s Fisheries under the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

1. The proposals contained in the RIS and DPBT are as follows:

* Significant changes to the management of the Tropical Rock Lobster (TRL) fishery which will move the commercial fishery to a quota management system to prevent the over exploitation of the resource and allow industry members to maximise the value of the product they catch. This proposal will involve the phased introduction of a new fee per TRL quota unit which is in line with existing fees for other high value quota species in Queensland and to remove the existing licence fees associated with commercial TRL licences.
* Inclusion of three additional impoundments in the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme (SIPS) - Fairbairn Dam, Theresa Creek Dam and North Pine Dam. The expansion of the SIPS will result in the introduction of a fee for fishing in those impoundments that SIPS will now cover. Amendments to the management of the trawl fishery (including the Finfish (Stout Whiting) and East Coast Otter Trawl fisheries) to maximise the value of the resource being harvested, protect juvenile or undersize animals, protect spawning animals and protect non target animals such as marine turtles. This will be achieved both through the use of closures and by requiring the use of specific fishing gear that has a lower impact on juvenile animals or protected species.
* Amendments to the spanner crab fishery to extend a closure to the taking of spanner crabs by commercial and recreational fishers to enhance protection for egg bearing crabs, and the phasing out of the use of inverted dillies in all Crab fisheries as they have been found to pose a significant risk to marine turtles through entanglement.

1. Cabinet noted the proposed release of the Combined Fisheries Management Regulatory Impact Statement and draft Public Benefit Test.
2. *Attachments*

* [Combined Fisheries Management Regulatory Impact Statement and Draft Public Benefit Test regarding proposed amendments to: *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999; Fisheries (Freshwater) Management Plan 1999; Fisheries Regulation 2008*](attachments/Combined%20Fisheries%20Management%20RIS%20and%20Public%20Benefit%20Test.pdf)